



Each year the State Bar of California offers attorneys in California an opportunity to contribute to the legal profession and the public by volunteering to serve on one of the State Bar's committees. This year the State Bar is recruiting applicants for 15 standing committees, 16 section executive committees, and 13 special committees, boards and commissions. The State Bar's Board of Governors appoints approximately 150-200 new members every year and strives to make appointments that will achieve diversity and broad representation.

The Appointment Process

The participation of all State Bar members is encouraged. From time to time, the board may appoint public members (i.e., representatives of other professions, members of the public, or attorneys who are not admitted in California). The State Bar does not discriminate against persons on the basis of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS) or mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, denial of family care leave, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran status.

Eligibility / Appointment Policies. Applicants may apply to a maximum of three committees but can be appointed to only one committee. In no case shall the board appoint a person who is subject to disciplinary probation. Factors that militate **against** appointment, but weighed among other factors, include: 1) if a lawyer appointment, whether there is any public information known to the State Bar about the applicant or a record of public discipline imposed; 2) whether any other member of applicant's firm is on the entity; and 3) whether the applicant previously served on the entity. Applicants to a **section executive committee** must be members of that section in order to be eligible for appointment. In addition, the level of each applicant's involvement in the section's activities is a factor considered during the appointment review.

Appointment Term. Members generally serve three-year terms. A few committees have two or four-year terms. On occasion, the board may appoint a member to an unexpired vacancy (i.e., the appointee serves only the remaining portion of the term of the member who resigned). The State Bar's committee year runs from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting. The 2006-2007 committee year starts at the close of the 2006 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 8, 2006) and ends at the close of the 2007 State Bar Annual Meeting (September 30, 2007). The new 2006-2007 terms commence at the close of the 2006 State Bar Annual Meeting (October 8, 2006).

Time Commitment and Committee Service.

Committees differ in the number of meetings scheduled in a year, but a typical meeting requires two to four hours' preparation and lasts four to six hours. In general, the meeting locations tend to alternate between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and some meetings may be conducted by conference call. An additional time commitment may be required for special tasks and projects. Committee members take an oath of office and receive no compensation for services. Committee members may be reimbursed for approved travel expenses in accordance with the State Bar's travel policy and the committee's budget.

Application Deadline. The deadline for receipt of the applications to these committees is **February 1, 2006**. All applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Appointments Office.

Application Review and Board Appointments. The committees review the appointment applications in the spring and forward their recommendations for appointment to the Board of Governors' appointments committee, i.e., Board Committee on Volunteer Involvement (VIC). VIC, upon consultation with committee chairs and other authorized review groups, considers the appointments between May and August, and forwards its recommendations to the Board of Governors for consideration at the July and/or August meeting. The ultimate authority to make appointments rests with the Board of Governors.

Notification. Applicants normally are notified of the board's appointments as early as possible following the board's July or August meeting so that new members can participate in the State Bar's Annual Meeting. Any applicant who does not receive notification by the last day of the State Bar Annual Meeting (October 8, 2006) should contact the Appointments Office. Applications of those not selected will be kept on file for consideration for appointment to fill vacancies that may arise during the committee year.

Standing Committees

A standing committee is created or maintained if its primary purpose is to advise and serve the board with regard to an enduring concern that relates to the administration of justice or that affects the profession at large.

Committee on Administration of Justice. This committee studies and reports recommendations on proposed changes in civil procedure, court rules and administration, rules of evidence, and other matters having an impact on the administration of justice in the civil courts. Much of the committee's work consists of in-depth evaluations of, and occasional preparation of amendments to, proposed court rules and state legislation. The committee also reviews California Law Revision Commission's studies and proposals of the California Judicial Council related to civil justice. Committee members prepare court rules and affirmative legislative proposals. The committee is currently divided into a northern California section and a southern California section. The entire committee (north and south) normally meets once per month. Although members are encouraged to attend meetings in person when possible, all meetings are held via telephone conference call, which means that members who cannot appear in person may attend via telephone. Applicants must have a minimum of three years in practice and experience in the civil practice field. As committee communications are conducted electronically, each member must have an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Attorneys from all parts of California who meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 9 northern section; 4 southern section

Meetings per year: 12

Chair: Timothy Moppin, San Francisco

Vice Chair: Max Factor, Beverly Hills

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution. This committee analyzes and comments on proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution (ADR), drafts proposals relating to alternative dispute resolution for consideration by the Board of Governors, identifies issues concerning the relationship of ADR to the practice of law, the administration of justice and improving access to justice, plans and administers educational programs relating to ADR, and encourages attorneys involved in ADR to become active participants in the State Bar. The committee is

composed of a diverse group of practitioners and other persons with expertise or an interest in ADR.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 7

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: John A. Toker, San Francisco

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee on Appellate Courts. This committee reviews proposed changes to the rules of court affecting appellate courts; reviews and comments on proposed legislation affecting appellate court operation and appellate practice; and may initiate legislative and rules proposals in these areas. As an Approved Legal Specialization Provider in the area of Appellate Law, the committee also plans and participates in the presentation of MCLE programs at the State Bar's Annual Meeting. The committee consists of 16 attorneys who may be drawn from such diverse sources as appellate court research staff, defense and prosecution offices handling criminal appeals, law firms, solo practitioners, and law school faculty.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 8

Meetings per year: 5

Chair: Jay-Allen Eisen, Sacramento

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee of Bar Examiners. This committee examines applicants through the structure and administration of the First-Year Law Students' Examination and the California Bar Examination; screens applicants for moral character; recommends all qualified applicants to the California Supreme Court for admission to the bar; accredits law schools in California; registers unaccredited and correspondence law schools; and studies and reports on proposed changes in the law and other matters concerning the requirements for admission to practice law in California. The committee is composed of 10 attorneys, including one young lawyer member admitted three years or less before the time of his or her appointment, and nine public members (who must not be members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States). The Governor, the Senate Rules Committee, and the Speaker of the Assembly appoint the public members. The Board of Governors appoints only the attorney members to this committee, and this application is for attorneys only. Attorney applicants must be active members of the State Bar of California and cannot currently be employed as a law school administrator or professor, or associated with a bar review company.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 1

Meetings per year: 9 meetings (one-two days per meeting), plus an equal number of meetings for examination research, structure and grading, and

additional time for subcommittees, meeting preparation, moral character applicant interviews, and law school visitations.

Chair: Dean E. Dennis, Los Angeles

Staff: Gayle Murphy (415) 538-2322

Committee on Delivery of Legal Services. The Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (SCDLS) identifies, develops, and supports improvement in the delivery of legal services (civil and criminal) to low- and moderate-income individuals in California; serves as a resource to the Board of Governors on legal services issues and relevant legislation; develops and presents educational programs and materials to improve the delivery of legal services; maintains liaison relationships with other State Bar entities such as the California Commission on Access to Justice and external entities such as the Legal Aid Association of California; and works to encourage and increase pro bono participation in California. The work of the committee is done both at the subcommittee level and full committee levels in the following areas: awards, appointments, education, legislation, pro bono, and moderate income. For a copy of the current SCDLS work plan, please contact the committee's staff liaison. SCDLS seeks attorneys who are from diverse backgrounds and a variety of practice settings (e.g. legal aid, government, small/ medium/ large law firm, solo, corporate, academia, indigent criminal defense, courts), and who are committed to the broad goals stated above. Public members with experience in the delivery of legal services to low- and moderate-income individuals are also encouraged to apply. Members should be prepared to complete tasks assigned to them and to devote a minimum of six to ten hours on average per month of committee service, plus participate at in-person committee meetings. Full committee meetings are held on weekends and weekdays (10 am-4 pm) and generally alternate between the State Bar offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 6-8

Meetings per year: 5-6 (plus subcommittee conf. calls)

Chair: Tina L. Rasnow, Ventura

Staff: Sharon Ngim (415) 538-2267;
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Committee on Federal Courts. This committee studies, recommends, and reports on proposed changes in the rules, procedures and practices of the federal courts in California. It works to enhance relations between the State Bar and the federal courts in California and meets with judges and representatives of each of the federal district courts in California to understand the issues of importance to the federal judiciary. The committee

seeks attorneys who are knowledgeable in Federal Court practice.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3-4

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: John K. Rubiner, Los Angeles

Staff: Saul Bercovitch (415) 538-2306

Committee on Group Insurance Programs (COGIP).

This committee oversees the State Bar Endorsed Group Insurance Programs, which include life, AD&D, disability, personal auto & homeowners, long term care, and workers' compensation. COGIP acts as counselor and advisor to the Board of Governors with respect to each of these programs. The committee studies and makes recommendations and/or changes to the existing programs, including carrier and broker evaluation, long-term financial issues, product enhancement, product pricing and design, and related matters. The committee seeks lawyers with experience and expertise in insurance/insurance regulation, in dealing with brokers and carriers, and in understanding insurance policies and business aspects of insurance, or who are familiar with group and/or association plans. Experience and expertise in such matters as loss prevention/competency enhancement, claims handling, underwriting, policy language, and policy provisions and pricing are helpful. The committee strives to insure that the program is philosophically and structurally attuned to the needs of the California's attorneys and consumers.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 0-3

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: Colin D. McRae, Ojai

Staff: Raquel Hines (415) 538-2201

Committee on Mandatory Fee Arbitration. The committee's primary function is to oversee the mandatory attorney-client fee arbitration program established by Business & Professions Code Sections 6200-6206. The committee is charged with reviewing and commenting upon any proposed legislation that may affect either the mandatory fee arbitration program or attorney fee agreements in general. It also makes recommendations to the Board of Governors regarding amendments to the fee arbitration statutes, the State Bar's and local bar associations' Rules of Procedure for Fee Arbitration, and the Guidelines and Minimum Standards for the Operation of Mandatory Fee Arbitration Programs. The committee monitors developments in both substantive and procedural law relating to mandatory fee arbitration, oversees the State Bar's Mandatory Fee Arbitration Department, and is responsible for drafting the State Bar approved sample fee agreements. The committee also conducts continuing education seminars, including fee arbitrator training sessions for fee arbitrators with the local and

State Bar programs. The basic time commitment for committee members is about 12 hours/month in months when meetings occur. Members who speak at educational seminars and arbitrator training programs incur more hours. In addition, members are assigned projects often on a team subcommittee basis, which may require dozens of hours of research, writing and editing. Lawyers and public members experienced in fee arbitration, including arbitrators, chairs, vice chairs and staff administrators from local bar fee arbitration programs, are encouraged to apply.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 7-8

Meetings per year: 7-9, plus special projects

Chair: Gerald Knapton, Los Angeles

Staff: Jill Sperber (415) 538-2023

Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct (COPRAC). This committee addresses matters involving professional ethics and helps educate and provide guidance to the membership about their ethical duties. The majority of the committee's work consists of: drafting advisory opinions on issues of professional ethics based on questions submitted to the committee or developed by the committee on its own initiative; studying and recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct; and conducting special studies and providing advice to the Board of Governors on professional responsibility. In addition, the committee sponsors educational and outreach programs, including an annual ethics symposium. The committee currently is composed of 14 attorney members, and two public members. In evaluating potential members, the committee uses the following criteria, though no one factor is dispositive: (1) prior experience in the legal ethics field; (2) time and energy to undertake the significant responsibilities of committee membership; (3) writing skills; (4) verbal skills; (5) factors lending diversity to the committee, including diversity based on race, sex, color, national origin and sexual orientation, as well as location and field of practice, years in practice (including status as a California Young Lawyer), and size of firm (if applicable); and (6) prior volunteer experience, particularly involvement in legal and other professional groups. For public members, the committee values the ability to contribute a client perspective to the committee's deliberations. In addition to completing an application form, successful applicants may be required to participate in a personal interview, typically held in March or early April. Committee meetings generally are held on Fridays; the two-day meetings are held Friday and Saturday.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3-4

Meetings per year: 10 (two meetings are two-days)

Chair: Steven A. Lewis, Sacramento

Staff: Lauren McCurdy (415) 538-2107

Committee on State Bar Approved Professional Liability Insurance (COPLI). This committee oversees the State Bar Approved Professional Liability Insurance Program and acts as a counselor and advisor to the Board of Governors with respect to the program. The committee studies and makes recommendations and/or changes to the existing program, including carrier and broker evaluation, long-term financial issues, product enhancement, product pricing and design, and related matters. The committee also works to reduce the quantity and severity of attorney malpractice claims through attorney loss-prevention and competency education programs, and also has a claims oversight component. In general, the committee also strives to insure that the program is philosophically and structurally attuned to the needs of California's attorneys and consumers. Members serve four-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. Applicants should be attorneys with experience and interest in insurance regulation, professional liability litigation, risk management, law office management and/or other areas related to the work of the committee. Experience and expertise in loss prevention/competency enhancement, claims handling, underwriting, policy language, and policy provisions and pricing are helpful.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 0-3

Meetings per year: 4

Co-Chairs: Carey Barney, Los Angeles ;

Carol D. Kuluva, Los Angeles

Staff: Raquel Hines (415) 538-2201

Access and Fairness Standing Committees

The five Access and Fairness standing committees are: 1) Ethnic Minority Relations Committee; 2) Committee on Legal Professionals with Disabilities, 3) Committee on Senior Lawyers, 4) Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination, and 5) Committee on Women in the Law. These committees seek to increase diversity in the legal profession and greater involvement of under-represented attorneys in the administration and governance of the State Bar's programs and activities. In addition to participating in regular committee and subcommittee meetings, members help to develop and implement strategic initiatives to promote and expand diversity in the legal profession. Depending on the content of each committee's annual work plan, projects may include creating and evaluating membership surveys to assess challenges faced by diverse attorneys in the practice of law; outreach, dialogue and networking with key stakeholders including local and diversity bars, law schools, law students, high school students, experienced

practitioners, and new admittees; addressing issues designed to increase numbers of diverse individuals entering the legal profession; partnering with law firms and other employers to focus on recruitment and retention issues; writing MCLE/elimination of bias articles and other resource materials; conducting elimination of bias programs; advising the Board of Governors on challenges for and status of attorneys from diverse backgrounds; and serving as a liaison between the Board of Governors and attorneys from diverse backgrounds.

Expected 2006-07 vacancies: 3-4 vacancies for each committee

Meetings per year: Each standing committee meets approximately six times during the year. Three meetings are in-person in the State Bar offices in San Francisco or Los Angeles or during various State Bar events; three are telephone or videoconference calls. The committee also may hold additional meetings by telephone conference, and subcommittees meet by telephone as often as necessary to implement the proposed work plan projects.

Chair and Staff Contacts:

Ethnic Minority Relations Committee (EMRC)

Chair: Jane Kow, San Francisco

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Committee on Legal Professionals with Disabilities (CLPD)

Chair: Dawn M. Capp, Davis

Staff: Frank Monti (415) 538-2141
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Committee on Senior Lawyers (CSL)

Chair: Benjamin Salvaty, Los Angeles

Staff: Rodney Low (415) 538-2219
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Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Discrimination (CSOGID)

Co-Chairs: Beth Collins, Los Angeles;

Robert L. Rancourt, Riverside

Staff: Pat Lee (415) 538-2240
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Committee on Women in the Law (CWIL)

Chair: Pearl G. Mann, Fullerton

Staff: Rodney Low (415) 538-2219
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Section Executive Committees

State Bar sections address the concerns and interests of a specific segment of the profession. The section executive committee directs the policies and affairs of the section, subject to and in accordance with the section's bylaws, the policies of the Board of Governors, and the *Rules and Regulations of the State Bar*. The executive committee assists the Board of Governors in matters relating to the section and supervises the section's activities, such as its educational programs, membership communications, publications, and standing or substantive committees.

Eligibility. Applicants to a section executive committee must be members of that section. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. The executive committee generally consists of 15 members who previously have served on the section's standing or substantive committees or otherwise been active in section activities. Each year approximately five positions on each executive committee are available for appointment by the Board of Governors. The board may in its discretion appoint to the executive committee members who have been nominated by the section. Nominations for such appointments may be made by the executive committee acting as a nominating committee or by a petition signed by at least 15 members of the section.

Appointment to a Section Standing Committee. The Board of Governors does not make appointments to a section's standing committees. Those interested in applying to serve on a section's standing committee must contact the chair or staff liaison of the section for application information.

Antitrust and Unfair Competition Section Executive Committee. This section focuses on developments under the Cartwright, the Unfair Practices Act, and the Unfair Competition Law, section 17200, et. seq. of the Business & Professions Code. The section deals with both private and government (federal, state and local) enforcement actions, civil and criminal, and government criminal procedures. It offers MCLE-accredited section programs throughout the year, an annual UCL Conference, an annual Golden State Antitrust and Unfair Competition Law Institute, and an Antitrust Lawyer of the Year Award. The section also publishes *Competition Journal* periodically and updates its two-volume treatise as appropriate. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas,

etc. Prior section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the section's requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 1+ monthly conference calls; 1 annual committee in-person weekend retreat; in-person attendance for committee kick-off meeting at annual State Bar meeting; attendance at section educational events encouraged.

Chair: Bruce L. Simon, Burlingame

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

Business Law Section Executive Committee. With over 9,000 members, the Business Law Section is the largest section of the State Bar. This executive committee oversees the section's educational, legislative, and publishing activities. The section has 15 standing committees as well as the *Business Law News* Editorial Board. The standing committees are actively involved in providing member services and educational activities as well as initiating, developing, and proposing California legislation, commenting upon state and federal legislation, and participating in regulatory reform in California. The section focuses on providing services to its members electronically and through the section's Web site. The section sponsors educational programs and publishes a monthly e-newsletter and the quarterly *Business Law News*, as well as opinion reports and other written materials. Members of the executive committee act as liaisons to the section's standing and ad hoc committees and actively participate in the section's projects. Members are expected to attend regularly the meetings of the executive committee and to handle projects outside of the meetings. Applications from the section's attorney members who have actively participated in its standing committees are strongly encouraged. Committee communications are conducted electronically and posted on the section's Web site; therefore, each member must have access to the Internet and an e-mail address to receive and review committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 11

Chair: Mark A. Moore, Irvine

Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

Criminal Law Section Executive Committee. This section engages in a wide range of activities including authoring opinions on criminal justice legislation, presenting educational programs for criminal law practitioners, and fostering communication with law students interested in career opportunities in criminal law. The executive committee publishes a newsletter four times a year. The committee is balanced geographically and by nature of the practice with state and federal prosecutors and defense attorneys. Advisors consist of former committee members, including lawyers, judges, and members of the Board of Governors. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4-5

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Darrell S. Mavis, Los Angeles

Staff: Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

Environmental Law Section Executive Committee.

This section provides a statewide forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge among California environmental lawyers and other professionals in the environmental field. The section covers a broad range of substantive areas of environmental law, including water quality and availability and use, air quality, land use and management, public resources, natural resources, solid waste, hazardous waste, toxic substances, CEQA, endangered species, wetlands, coastal protection and development, environmental justice, and energy. The executive committee includes attorneys from private firms, regulatory agencies, state and local governments, public interest groups, business, and academia. The executive committee comments upon proposed environmental legislation, sponsors numerous MCLE programs of interest and relevance to its membership, sponsors and co-sponsors outreach programs to law students, and publishes newsletters and other periodicals. The section welcomes applications from attorneys with a background in environmental law. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting

notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 9 (plus conference calls)

Chair: Sherri M. Kirk, Sacramento

Staff: Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

Family Law Section Executive Committee. The purpose of the Family Law Section is to further the knowledge of its members in all matters including but not limited to marriage, dissolution, custody and support, community property, adoptions and other matters affecting the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of members of the family. The executive committee consists of 15 attorney members from northern and southern California. The section is active in producing continuing legal education programs and in proposing, reviewing, and recommending legislation. The executive committee seeks members committed to family law, and those who enjoy hard work in a collegial atmosphere. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the staff or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5-6

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Peter M. Walzer, Calabasas

Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

Intellectual Property Section Executive Committee.

This section's areas of interest encompass all aspects of intellectual property law, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, and computer law. The section sponsors seminars regarding intellectual property law issues and works on other projects related to intellectual property law. The section also publishes a newsletter, *New Matter*, approximately four times per year and meets in executive sessions four to five times per year. Those with a background in intellectual property and a willingness to join a hardworking section are encouraged to apply. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc.

Section participation (e.g., involvement in one of the Intellectual Property Section's standing committees, authoring an article for the *New Matter* publication, speaking at one of the section's MCLE programs, etc.) is considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the section's requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff or chair or visit the State Bar's Web site (calbar.ca.gov).

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5-6

Meetings per year: 5

Chair: JoAnna M. Esty, Los Angeles

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

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International Law Section Executive Committee. This executive committee communicates recent developments and current issues in international law to its section membership and facilitates interaction among its members and foreign lawyers. The section presents MCLE-accredited programs throughout the year, holds retreats, and publishes the *International Law Newsletter* and *The California International Practitioner*. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4-5

Meetings per year: 5 (plus conference calls)

Chair: Peter A. Gelles, Los Angeles

Staff: Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

Labor and Employment Law Section Executive Committee.

The section provides a forum for individuals with an interest in labor relations and employment issues. Section members include specialists and generalists from across the labor law spectrum, individual practitioners, law firms, government agencies, labor unions, corporate representatives, and neutrals. Public members of the section include arbitrators, law professors and students, paralegals, and others whose work requires that they have access to the latest information on labor and employment law. All section members are encouraged to participate on the standing committees, but only attorney members admitted in California are eligible to serve on the

executive committee. The executive committee presents MCLE-accredited section programs throughout the year, including a two-day section annual meeting and a one-day public sector meeting, and it publishes four or more issues of the *Labor and Employment Law Review*. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Diversity of all kinds is a core belief of the committee. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5-6

Meetings per year: 4

Chair: Tony R. Skogen, Los Angeles

Staff: Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

Law Practice Management and Technology Section Executive Committee. This section works to improve the quality of law practice through effective management techniques and technology. This includes improving law practice administration, financial management, time management, marketing a law practice, systems and procedures, computers, data/word processing, and the Internet. The work of the section includes conducting MCLE seminars and programs on these topics, liaison with local bar associations and other law-related associations, publishing a bi-monthly newsletter, *The Bottom Line*, which includes a MCLE article and quiz free to members, substantial discounts at legal technology conferences and a Web site with an online networking service (JD Network). Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3-4

Meetings per year: 4 (plus conference calls)

Chair: Andrew Elowitz, Los Angeles

Staff: Ed Bernard (415) 538-2242

Litigation Section Executive Committee. The purpose of the Litigation Section is to promote excellence in all areas affecting dispute resolution, including protection

of the rights of all litigants, pre-trial discovery, the expeditious trial of lawsuits, alternative dispute resolution, effective judicial administration, uniform rules of court, and the protection and preservation of the independence of a judiciary of high quality. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in the section, contact the staff administrator or chairperson.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4-5

Meetings per year: 9

Chair: Richard Seabolt, San Francisco

Staff: Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

Public Law Section Executive Committee. The mission of the Public Law Section is to ensure that the laws relating to the function and operation of public agencies are clear, effective and serve the public interest; to advance public service through public law practice; and to enhance the effectiveness of public law practitioners. The section focuses on administrative law, municipal law, open meeting laws, political law, education law, state and federal legislation, public employment, government contracts, tort liability and regulations, land use/ environment issues, and public lawyer ethics. The section provides topical educational programs, seminars and resource materials; works to enhance the recognition of, and participation by, public sector lawyers in the State Bar; presents its annual "Public Lawyer of the Year" award to public lawyers who have made significant and continuous contributions to the profession; and publishes the quarterly Public Law Journal. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about section requirements or how to become more involved in the section, contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4-5

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Terence R. Boga, Los Angeles

Staff: Tom Pye (415) 538-2042

Real Property Law Section Executive Committee. The executive committee creates and administers programs and activities for over 7000 section members, including the quarterly California Real Property Journal, an annual professional retreat, over 25 substantive and geographic subsections (e.g., finance, landlord/tenant, litigation, natural resources, zoning, development, law professions roundtable), pro bono opportunities, legislative initiatives, a Web site containing a wide range of resources, and periodic educational seminars. The executive committee is focused on providing services of value to its members and thereby expanding its membership of the diverse population of real property practitioners in the state. The section seeks applicants with prior speaking, writing or organizational experience, preferably for the section or other volunteer groups in a related field. Written communications are conducted electronically. Each member must have an e-mail address to receive meeting notices and agendas, and to communicate with members. Attorneys from northern and southern California who meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5

Meetings per year: 8 (six are in-person meetings)

Chair: Nargis Choudhry, Glendale

Staff: Pam Wilson (415) 538-2395

Solo and Small Firm Section Executive Committee. This section provides a forum for solo and small firm practitioners, both specialists and those in general practice. The section presents educational programs and publishes a quarterly newsletter on technology and practice management for solo/small firm attorneys and on substantive law topics. The section publishes a Mentor Directory listing attorneys statewide who offer to section members free consultations in their listed areas of expertise. The section is compiling and will publish a list of "hot topics" of special concern to solo and small firm practitioners in the management of their practices. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, please contact the staff administrator or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Anne C. Adams, Canoga Park

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

Taxation Section Executive Committee. The executive committee has oversight responsibility for the activities of substantive law and special interest committees, including various presentations and programs at The Section Education Institute and the State Bar Annual Meeting (including the California Tax Policy Conference), publication of a tax periodical, and overseeing the Tax Court Pro Se/Pro Bono Program at the San Francisco, San Diego, and Los Angeles Tax Court Calendars. Other presentations include an annual educational program; the Eagles Lodge West program; and annual academic papers in Washington, D.C. to Judges of the U.S. Tax Court, officials of the IRS and attorneys for the House, Senate, and Joint Committee on Tax. The section's subcommittees and projects include: corporate tax/corporate tax counsel; pass through entities; estate and gift tax; international tax; state and local tax; tax-exempt organizations; tax procedure and litigation; income/other taxes, tax policy, practice and legislation; young tax lawyers; the *California Tax Lawyer*; education and public outreach. The executive committee seeks applications from active tax attorneys with demonstrated commitment to professional and public service from diverse geographic, ethnic and practice backgrounds, and who can serve as role models for our membership. Applicants must have **a minimum of six years** experience with at least five years in tax. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore, each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, reports, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding section requirements or how to become more involved in the section, please contact the section staff or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 5 (four are multi-day meetings)

Chair: Stuart M. Hurwitz, San Diego

Staff: Mitch Wood (415) 538-2594

Trusts and Estates Section Executive Committee. The substantive issues of the Trusts and Estates Section include: incompetency (including conservatorship, guardianship and elder law); estate planning and tax; ethics and professional responsibility; legislation; litigation; trust and estate administration; and trusts. The executive committee, consisting of 17 attorney members from northern and southern California, is

active in developing programs to serve both members of the Bar and the public in general, and produces the highly regarded *California Trusts and Estates Quarterly*. The committee has developed a series of brochures on the topics of wills, estate plans and trusts (in both English and Spanish); produced a video tape designed to prevent estate planning "scams" on senior citizens statewide; and developed a speakers bureau of California attorneys who are engaged in active outreach to senior and public service organizations throughout the state. The committee seeks hardworking attorneys with a significant number of years specializing in any area of estate planning, trust, and probate law. Other qualities sought include a demonstrated commitment to volunteer professional work (e.g., bar activities, speaking, writing, legal services, etc.) and the ability to work as a collegial committee member. Committee communications are conducted electronically and each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet these requirements and can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions regarding requirements or how to become more involved, please contact the section staff or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 5-6

Approximate number of meetings per year: 9 (one meeting is a three-day, long-range planning meeting; the others are six-hour Saturday meetings) plus participation in substantive committee work between meetings

Chair: Tracy M. Potts, Sacramento

Staff: Susan Orloff (415) 538-2341

Workers' Compensation Law Section Executive Committee. This section focuses on the practice of workers' compensation law and is comprised of workers' compensation specialists, practitioners from the applicant and defense bar, and workers' compensation judges. The section presents MCLE and legal specialization accredited programs throughout the year, publishes the *Workers' Compensation Quarterly*, and has five active committees on which members are encouraged to participate (Education, Internet, Membership, Legislation Practice and Ethics, and Publications). Membership in the section is open to public members, but only attorneys and judges may serve on the executive committee. Lawyers with background in workers' compensation and/or third-party civil litigation are encouraged to apply. Certification as a specialist is not a prerequisite for applying to vacancies on the executive committee. Committee communications are conducted electronically; therefore,

each member must have both a fax and an e-mail address to receive committee meeting notices, agendas, etc. Section participation is a factor considered in the appointment review. Attorneys from northern and southern California who can meet the requirements and who can make the time commitment are encouraged to apply. For questions about requirements or how to become more involved in section activities, contact the staff or chair.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4

Meetings per year: 4-6

Chair: Raymond E. Frost, Fremont

Staff: Tricia Horan (415) 538-2223

Special Boards Commissions and Committees

The purpose of these entities is to advise and serve the board with regard to an immediate concern relating to the administration of justice or the practice of law. These committees are given a specific, clearly articulated charge, and a specific deadline for the completion of their task(s).

California Commission on Access to Justice. The 24-member commission of lawyers and judges, as well as academic, business, labor and community leaders, was established to explore ways to improve access to civil justice for Californians living on low and moderate incomes. The commission was instrumental in establishing the \$10 million Equal Access Fund for civil legal services to the indigent and works closely with the Judicial Council to improve access to the courts. Members also serve on one or more subcommittees. The State Bar appoints 10 members to the commission; the remaining 14 members are appointed by other statewide entities. The terms are two years; members may serve two consecutive terms. In 2006, two incumbents will be eligible for reappointment.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 1-3

Meetings per year: 6 (two by conference call; four in-person and videoconference between San Francisco and Los Angeles locations)

2005 Chair: Tony L. Richardson, Los Angeles

Staff: Mary Viviano (415) 538-2251

Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB) Governing Committee. This is a joint committee of the University of California and the State Bar of California. The committee reviews and approves CEB's annual publishing and educational program, strategic objectives, annual budget, and recommendations from the Director on the overall operation of CEB. The committee consists of nine voting members: four

appointed by the State Bar and five appointed by the University of California Office of the President. The chair is appointed by the University, and the vice chair must be an attorney in active practice in California appointed by the State Bar's Board of Governors. The four State Bar members include the Executive Director of the State Bar, or the Executive Director's designee who must be an attorney, and two members who are attorneys actively practicing law in California and who represent the interests of the sections of the State Bar. Applicants must have been active in one of the State Bar's sections. Unlike other State Bar committees, members of the Governing Committee serve two-year terms and the terms may be renewed. In 2006, the term of one member will expire; the incumbent will be eligible to apply for reappointment.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 1

Meetings per year: 4 (held at the CEB office in Oakland)

Vice Chair: James Towery, San Jose

CEB Office: Pamela Jester, Director, 300 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite 410, Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 302-2032

Client Security Fund Commission. The Client Security Fund (CSF) reimburses clients who have lost money or property due to theft or an equivalent dishonest act committed by a California lawyer acting in a professional capacity. CSF is overseen by the Client Security Fund Commission, an independent body that is appointed by and reports to the Board of Governors. The commission determines whether or not applications filed with CSF should be paid or denied. The commission also makes recommendations to the Board of Governors on the rules administering the fund, the methods for reviewing and paying claims, and the financial and administrative needs of the fund. The commission is composed of seven members—at least three must be public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. Public members are selected when their background and experience contribute to the CSF goals.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 1 (public member position)

Meetings per year: 7

Chair: Phyllis M. Crittenden, Los Angeles

Staff: Martha Gonzales (213) 765-1144

Legal Services Trust Fund Commission. The Legal Services Trust Fund Commission administers the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program and Equal Access Fund. The commission seeks attorneys and public members who possess a commitment to the delivery of legal services to the poor, sensitivity to the needs of low-income communities, or knowledge of the

structure and practices of banking and financial institutions. Attorneys and members of the public who have experience or familiarity addressing the particular problems of self-represented litigants are also welcomed. The commission is comprised of 21 voting members (15 attorneys and six public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States) and three nonvoting judges. At least two of the 21 voting members shall be "indigent persons" as defined at §6213(d) of the Business and Professions Code. The State Bar's Board of Governors appoints 14 voting members (ten attorneys, four public members), and this application is only for the State Bar appointments. The Chair of the Judicial Council appoints the other seven voting members and the three nonvoting judges. No employee or independent contractor acting as a consultant to any agency that is a potential recipient of funds under the Legal Services Trust Fund Program shall be appointed to the commission. All members appointed shall be bound by the Board of Governors' established rules governing conflicts of interest.

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 6 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Barbara H. Bergen, Los Angeles

Staff: Judy Garlow (415) 538-2249

Legal Specialization

California Board of Legal Specialization (BLS). This board administers the State Bar of California Program for Certifying Legal Specialists with the assistance of specialty advisory commissions; provides policies and guidelines for certification of specialists; develops and maintains programs of testing and legal education for specialists; and advises the Board of Governors on establishment of specialty fields and appointment of advisory commissions. BLS consists of 11 members and one advisor; at least three must be public members who have never been members of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the United States. In addition, six of the eight advisory commission chairs serve as voting members on a rotating basis.

Attorney applicants must be specialists in their field unless a specialty does not currently exist for that field (e.g., labor and employment law). Specialties exist for Appellate Law, Bankruptcy Law, Criminal Law, Estate Planning and Trust Law, Family Law, Immigration and Nationality Law, Taxation, and Workers' Compensation Law. In selecting applicants, BLS tries to achieve a balanced representation of geographic and specialty

areas (based on the size of the specialty), and also looks for experience in areas in which BLS has been focusing its efforts, such as education, exam development, public relations and new specialties. Public member applicants, who are not certified specialists, are selected when their experience will contribute to the goals for the program. *Expected 2006-2007 vacancies:* 5 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: J. Scott Bovitz, Los Angeles

Staff: Phyllis Culp; Lorna Maynard (415) 538-2115

Advisory Law Commissions to the California Board of Legal Specialization. There are eight advisory commissions that advise and assist the Board of Legal Specialization in the administration of the certification program for each of the following specialties: Appellate Law; Bankruptcy Law; Criminal Law; Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law; Family Law; Immigration and Nationality Law; Taxation; and Workers' Compensation Law. Advisory commissions are composed of nine members, including at least one public member who has never been a member of the State Bar or admitted to practice before any court in the U.S. Meetings are typically held on Fridays once every other month, with locations alternating between a northern or southern California airport hotel. **All lawyer members must be certified specialists.** Each advisory commission passes upon applications for certification and recertification as a legal specialist; prepares specialist examinations; evaluates and accredits programs and providers of continuing legal education; and otherwise assists the Board of Legal Specialization in administering the program. The eight advisory commissions, their vacancies, annual number of meetings, and contacts are listed below.

Appellate Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Neil Tardiff, San Luis Obispo

Staff: Ivonne Broussard (415) 538-2145

Bankruptcy Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 2 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Hagop T. Bedoyan, Fresno

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Criminal Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Michael Atwell, South Lake Tahoe

Staff: Ivonne Broussard (415) 538-2145

Estate Planning, Trust, and Probate Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Thomas Carpenter, Sun City

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Family Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Laura Dewey, Santa Barbara

Staff: Brad Watson (415) 538-2331

Immigration/ Nationality Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 2

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Ann E. Block, Davis

Staff: Patricia Curd (415) 538-2125

Taxation Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 3

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: David L. Rice, Torrance

Staff: Brad Watson (415) 538-2331

Workers' Compensation Law Advisory Commission

Expected 2006-2007 vacancies: 4 (attorney and public member positions)

Meetings per year: 6

Chair: Peggy S. Brooks, Stockton

Staff: Ivonne Broussard (415) 538-2145

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